

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for March 2007

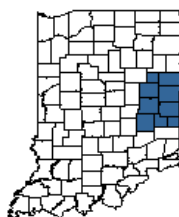
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Muncie MSA and Region.



The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2007	Rate 2006
U. S.	152,236,000	145,323,000	6,913,000	4.5%	4.8%
Indiana	3,260,550	3,097,355	163,195	5.0%	5.3%
Muncie MSA	57,230	53,963	3,267	5.7%	6.3%
EGR 6	169,962	159,941	10,021	5.9%	6.3%
Blackford County	6,810	6,358	452	6.6%	6.8%
Delaware County	57,230	53,963	3,267	5.7%	6.3%
Fayette County	10,648	9,841	807	7.6%	8.0%
Henry County	23,025	21,628	1,397	6.1%	6.1%
Jay County	11,865	11,295	570	4.8%	5.0%
Randolph County	12,778	11,921	857	6.7%	7.4%
Rush County	9,544	9,052	492	5.2%	4.8%
Union County	3,794	3,592	202	5.3%	6.2%
Wayne County	34,268	32,291	1,977	5.8%	6.3%
Muncie City	31,609	29,646	1,963	6.2%	6.7%
Richmond City	17,749	16,668	1,081	6.1%	6.3%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)	
March 2007	COUNTY
1	Crawford (7.6%)
2	Fayette
8	Randolph
10	Blackford
15	Henry
25	Wayne
27	Delaware
42	Union
44	Rush
60	Jay
92	Hamilton (3.2%)



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT March 2007 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.5%
Kentucky	5.8 %
Michigan	7.2%
Ohio	5.5%

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hqgm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally unchanged or lower in March. Overall, 30 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered increases, and 8 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states, up in 9 states, and unchanged in 5 states.

The Northeast and South registered the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions, 4.1 percent each. The Midwest again reported the highest rate, 4.7 percent. All four regions posted significantly lower unemployment rates in March than a year earlier. Montana recorded the lowest unemployment rate in March 2007, 2.0 percent. The states with the next lowest rates were Utah at 2.4 percent, Hawaii at 2.5 percent, and Nebraska and Wyoming at 2.6 percent each. Mississippi and Michigan again reported the highest unemployment rates, 6.9 and 6.5 percent, respectively.

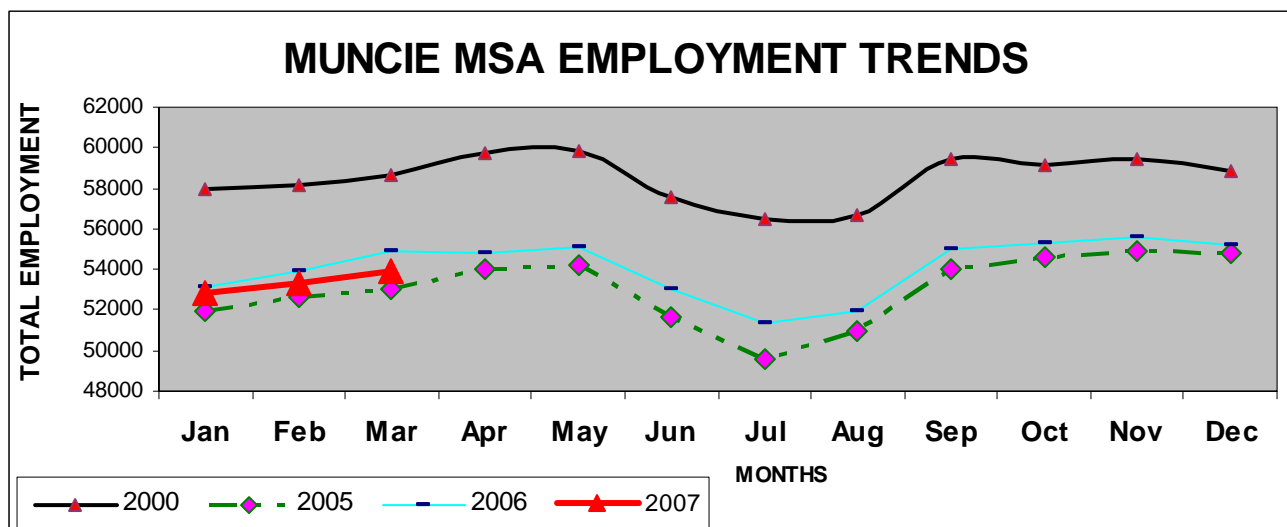
MUNCIE MSA

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT



	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	MARCH 2007	FEBRUARY 2007	MARCH 2006	FEB. 2007 TO MAR. 2007	MAR. 2006 TO MAR. 2007		
Total Nonfarm	53,900	53,300	54,900	+600 +1.1%	-1,000 -1.8%		
Total Private	40,900	40,600	41,800	+300 +0.7%	-900 -2.2%		
Goods Producing	7,700	7,500	8,400	+200 +2.7%	-700 -8.3%		
Service-Providing	46,200	45,800	46,500	+400 +0.9%	-300 -0.6%		
Private Srvc Provide	33,200	33,100	33,400	+100 +0.3%	-200 -0.6%		
Mining & Construction	2,200	2,000	2,200	+200 +10.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	6,200	+0 +0.0%	-700 -11.3%		
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	9,100	9,000	9,300	+100 +1.1%	-200 -2.2%		
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Retail Trade	6,800	6,700	6,900	+100 +1.5%	-100 -1.4%		
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,100	1,100	1,200	+0 +0.0%	-100 -8.3%		
Information	500	500	500	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,100	+0 +0.0%	-100 -4.8%		
Professional and Business	5,100	5,100	4,800	+0 +0.0%	+300 +6.3%		
Educational and Health	9,200	9,200	9,400	+0 +0.0%	-200 -2.1%		
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,400	5,400	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Government	13,000	12,700	13,100	+300 +2.4%	-100 -0.8%		
State Government	8,300	8,100	8,300	+200 +2.5%	+0 +0.0%		
Local Government	4,300	4,200	4,400	+100 +2.4%	-100 -2.3%		
Local Govt Education	2,600	2,500	2,700	+100 +4.0%	-100 -3.7%		

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

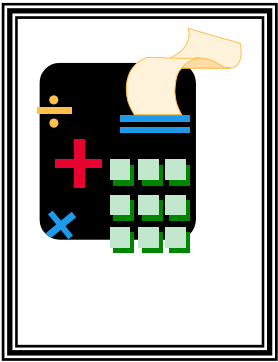


WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid? The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

As of 5/6/2007	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
Region 6	\$23,520	\$18,720	10,889
Indiana	\$26,740	\$20,800	134,506

MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	March 2007	March 2006	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	9,891	7,984	23.9%
Auburn	14,457	12,311	17.4%
Connersville	1,812	2,930	-38.2%
Fort Wayne	19,986	18,484	8.1%
Marion	8,323	6,029	38.0%
Muncie	11,387	11,809	-3.6%
Richmond	4,143	3,891	6.5%
INDIANA	310,135	292,533	6.0%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statistics

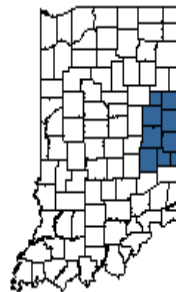
APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date May 6, 2007

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,351
Production Laborers	3,485
All Other Machine Operators	2,987
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,487
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,316
All Other Hand Workers	2,187
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,651
Cashiers, General	1,499
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,449
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,432
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,378
General Office Clerks	1,332
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,284
Machine Assemblers	1,246
Other Hand Material Movers	1,223
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,201
Production Helpers	1,142
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,117
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,096
Combination Machine Tool Operators	1,075

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.



Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWIs) 3rd Quarter 2005 Economic Growth Region 6 and Indiana

QWI	EGR 6 (Q3)	INDIANA (Q3)
Total Employment	123,670	2,840,413
Net Job Flows	-3,482	-391
Job Creation	5,782	164,972
New Hires	21,900	537,008
Separations	28,926	641,773
Turnover	11.20%	10.6%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$2,703	\$3,111
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$1,656	\$1,894

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 3rd Quarter 2005.



TOP 20 FREQUENTLY LISTED JOBS

Economic Growth Region 6

MARCH 2007

Customer Self Service System (CS3)

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	MEDIUM WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Telemarketers, Door-To-Door Sales Workers	\$10,920	\$14,820	\$18,720
Interviewing Clerks, Except Personnel	\$10,920	\$18,767	\$26,614
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$20,800	\$24,960	\$90,000
All Other Machine Operators	\$15,704	\$23,525	\$44,366
Assemblers (Factory Work)	\$12,480	\$18,325	\$29,058
Nurse Aides, Orderlies, Attendants	\$11,700	\$17,290	\$29,120
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	\$12,480	\$16,120	\$27,040
Helpers : Other Construction Trades	\$12,090	\$17,680	\$22,880
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$18,720	\$20,800	\$31,200
All Other Construction Trades Workers	\$17,680	\$18,200	\$22,880
All Other Precision Assemblers	\$14,560	\$17,961	\$29,058
Helpers : Carpenters	\$12,090	\$17,160	\$18,720
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	\$12,480	\$17,680	\$22,880
Janitors & Cleaners	\$10,140	\$12,480	\$28,600
Truck Drivers, Light- Including Delivery	\$16,640	\$20,800	\$24,440
Waiters & Waitresses	\$8,034	\$12,480	\$23,400
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	\$16,640	\$16,640	\$26,000
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	\$15,600	\$20,010	\$28,000
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$9,360	\$10,920	\$14,820
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Oper	\$15,704	\$26,000	\$31,200



Consumer Price Index

1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1
2007	0.1	0.7	1.0									

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7
2007	1.2	2.0	2.3									

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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